

REMARKS

This application was carefully reviewed in light of the Office action mailed December 12, 2003. A two month time extension has been requested in order to respond to the Office action.

The specification has been amended beginning on page 8, second paragraph and continuing through the first full paragraph on page 10.

Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 5 and 6 have been added.

Figure 2 has been amended to show reference numeral 208 and Figure 3 has been amended to include reference numeral 303 a-n as noted by the Examiner. Attached to this Amendment is a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing these changes.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Scharber*. Claim 1 has been amended to clearly define over the *Scharber* reference, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

The present content delivery method includes registering a third party cache into a registration server of a content delivery network. As illustrated in Figure 3, the registration process includes the transfer of information and content data from the third party cache into the registration server as well as the transfer of information from the registration server to the third party cache. This registration process allows the cache to become a server in the content delivery network map and, as such, assumes responsibility for delivering content. Registering the third party cache into the content delivery network allows the cache to act as an active member in the network.

In contra distinction, the cache shown in the *Scharber* reference is not registered into the content delivery network by transferring information and data between a registration server and a third party cache. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, clearly distinguishes over the *Scharber* reference, and is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2 – 4 and new claims 5 and 6, further define the

present invention defined in claim 1, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 – 6 are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1 – 6 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional fee that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501269.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIG. 2

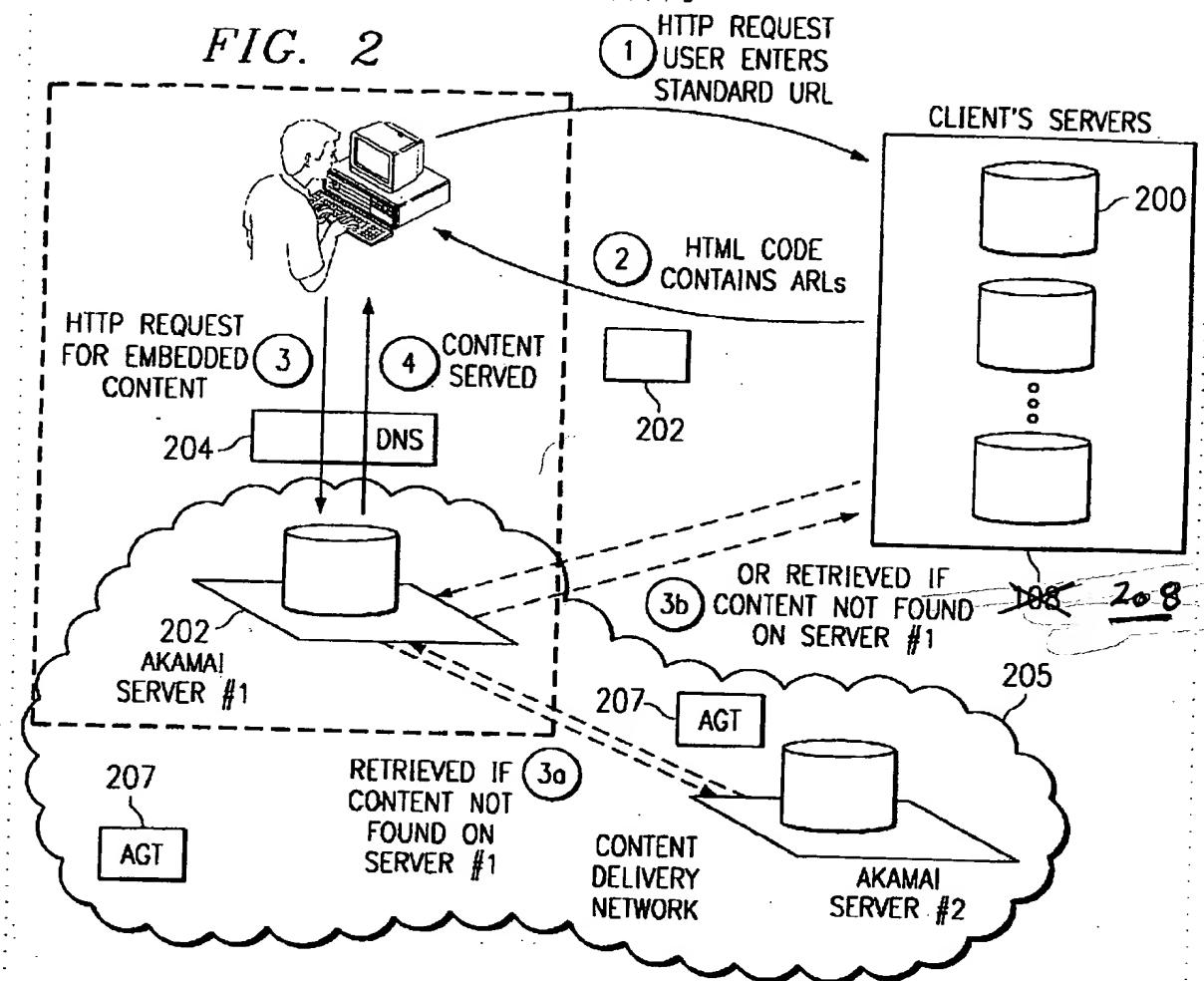


FIG. 3

